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Thanking Our Veterans



Dear Friends,

There are many things I'm thankful for this holiday season – a loving family, caring friends, and good health – but as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am also deeply thankful for our veterans. This time of year inspires us to reflect on the valor and heroism of those who have served our nation in uniform and protected our freedom and liberties. From the greatest generation who served in World War II, to the volunteers and draftees who fought in the harsh jungles of Vietnam, to the young people who took up the banner and persisted in the fight against terrorism in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, we owe our veterans a tremendous debt of gratitude.

In recognition of Veterans Day, I had the privilege of joining state and local leaders for a ceremony to celebrate both our brave service members and the completion of Rhode Island's new Veterans Home. This state-of-the-art facility is a great example of how Rhode Island is working to provide our veterans with the care and support they need and deserve.

Join the Conversation:



Save The Date

LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

Quarterly constituent update!

Saturday, December 9
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Harmony Lodge Family Restaurant
102 Putnam Pk, Harmony

Did You Know...?

TRAVELING TIP

If you are traveling out of the country, enroll your trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in order to stay updated in case of an emergency. >>

FAST FACT

Open enrollment for 2018 health coverage from HealthSource RI runs through December 31, and there are plenty of resources online to help you find the right plan. >>

In Other News

[HONORING HIDDEN HEROES](#)

The Ocean State has a growing support system for our warfighters, and it was on full display as I participated in the North Kingstown Veterans Day Parade. It is truly heartwarming to see hundreds of Rhode Islanders line the streets, waving American flags and cheering the veterans and military members marching in the parade.

To those Rhode Islanders who have served in the Armed Forces – and to their selfless families who have always supported them – I humbly thank you for your sacrifices. I consider it my duty as a Member of Congress to make sure that we uphold our commitments to you in small recompense for your brave service.

Keep up with my efforts on veterans affairs and many other issues through [my website](#) and [blog](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



'Tis the Season to Shop Local

If you need to find the perfect gift for a loved one this holiday season, consider checking out local small businesses. More than half of all Rhode Islanders employed in the private sector work for small businesses, and they are often the economic and civic foundations of their communities. I recently celebrated Small Business Saturday by touring shops and restaurants in Wickford Village, and believe me, there are plenty of unique gifts right here in Rhode Island!



Tax Reform for All?

The House and Senate recently passed legislative proposals that would substantially alter the U.S. tax code. Both bills substantially decrease the tax rate for large corporations, but they do so by adding more than a trillion dollars to the national debt. The House bill also eliminates deductions that hard-working Rhode Islanders rely on, including those for medical expenses and student loan interest payments. The two approaches are currently being negotiated in a conference committee, but I hope the process – which has

November was National Family Caregivers Month, and Rep. Langevin spoke on the House Floor about the importance of supporting caregivers. >>

PRESERVING NET NEUTRALITY

Rep. Langevin expressed his opposition to the FCC's proposal to end net neutrality and called for the preservation of a free and open Internet. >>

DEFENDING OUR CLIMATE

Rep. Langevin supported the final Fiscal Year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, which includes his language addressing climate change as a national security threat. >>

VALUABLE TRAINING

In recognition of National Apprenticeship Week, Rep. Langevin highlighted the value of apprenticeships to students of all ages. >>

SECURING SOFTWARE

Rep. Langevin applauded the release of a new charter bringing transparency to the Vulnerabilities Equities Process. >>

PROTECTING ELEPHANTS

Rep. Langevin led a letter urging President Trump to keep the ban on importing African elephant trophies. >>

RESTORING TRUST

Rep. Langevin cosponsored a resolution requiring all members and staff in the House of Representatives to undergo annual sexual harassment training. >>

been conducted at unprecedented speed with no opportunity for public input – is slowed down so that true tax reform can be achieved.

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